The Wall Street Disaster. Permanent High Rewards. A Courageous Boy. Better Than a Miracle.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE Before the explosion six warnings were sent to men in Wall Street. One was a vague warning fixing no day, others definite as to the day, but fixing the hour of the explosion inaccurately.

These warnings seem to prove that a hideous crime had been discussed in the hearing of several. They discourage the suggestion that the calamity may have been accidental, due to careless handling of high-power explosives.

Every day in New York, and other cities you may see brightly painted red wagons going about with the warning, "Explosives," in red letters, as the only protection to the public. Such a wagon, it is said was seen in Wall street. it is said, was seen in Wall street shortly before the explosion. Collision with a street car, fire engine, or speeding automobile out of control might cause such an "explosive wagon" to repeat Thursday's disaster at any time.

Such dangerous vehicles should be allowed to move about the streets only after midnight, when traffic is low and the sidewalks empty. That would seem to be one lesson of the explosion.

It is said the explosion was caused by TNT or picric acid. dynamite not having sufficient power to cause so much damage. Considering the power of those explosives, it should be possible to trace every ounce issued, and check the use of it. If that cannot be done now, proper regulation should be made for the future.

It is still possible, and everyone will hope, that careless handling of explosives is to blame. To control carelessness is difficult in this country, but less difficult than control of criminal viciousness. Those guilty of carelessness resulting in wholesale death might be as careful as any other criminal to conceal guilt.

Possibility of criminal carelessness should not be dismissed without thorough investigation. The explosion is believed to have taken place inside a one-horse wagon or an automobile standing at the curb, both wrecked when the explosion

The theory is that a criminal drove his deadly load to the spot selected and then abandoned it, leaving a time clock to do its work.

It would seem reasonable either to forbid or inspect most closely any parking of vehicles within the financial district.

After the Phoenix Park explosion in England a law made it sufficient proof of the crime. Such a law should exist in the

United States, with a permanent offer of high rewards, with absolute secrecy for informants, for any information leading to conviction under the law.

Criminals are talkative, pecially political criminals, and given to boasting. Such rewards would help in crimes with which national and local authorities seem able to cope. Conviction of any man planning wholesale murder would be well worth one hundred thousand dollars or a million There should be kept standing an offer of at least one hundred thousand dollars for information leading to proof of intention and preparation to commit such a

Many crimes of the character discussed have passed unpunished since and before the wholesale ooisoning plot at a religious banquet in Chicago. But detectives are not to be lightly blamed Detection usually follows discovery of a personal motive for crime. Where the motive is impersonal

based on the hatred of a diseased mind, detection is infinitely difficult. The chief hope lies in a con-

federate's confession. Hence the importance of large rewards, with secrecy and full immunity for the one giving information.

The public will ask: "Is it easy, and how easy is it, to obtain supplies of most powerful explosives in considerable quantities:" will be said that workmen using the explosives could secrete small quantities at a time. Would it be unreasonable to demand that some one representative of the manufacturer should be made responsible custodian of the explosive from the time of its shipment to the hour of legitimate use?

Is it necessary that "TNT." nicric acid, or others of the deadiest war products should be used at all in time of peace? Could not industry get along with the old-fashioned relatively harmless dyna-

The Government is said to have dumped at sea a supply of some new explosive of which a small amount would destroy a whole city. It was never used in war.

Criminals in this age are using, if they can get it, "TNT," the latest weapon, just as in the Stone Age they used a flint fastened to the end of a club, the latest wea-The weapon, not the criminal, is different. And crime has never menaced civilization. The danger lies elsewhere,

Should not the making of "TNT." and similar explosives, be forbidden in peace!

Even in this disaster the one bright spot is not lacking. James Saul, red-headed seventeen-yearld office boy, stunned and cut by flying glass, pulled himself together, commandeered an aban-(Continued on Page 3, Column 8.)

Today General's Widow, Freed From Insane Asylum Here, Charges Conspiracy

WEATHER:

Fair tonight and tomorrow. Mild temperature. Moderate southwest and west winds. Temperature at 8 o'clock The Washington Times

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[Closing Wall Street Prices]

THREE CENTS EVERYWHERE.

500 DETECTIVES BUSY ON 3 BOMB TRA

Mrs. Jennie Dyrenforth Cleared of Lunacy Charge in Justice Gould's Court.

THE SPECTATORS APPLAUD

False Affidavits Put Eccentric War Veteran's Widow in Asylum. Attorney Argues.

Amid loud applause from the spectators, Mrs. Jennie Dyrenforth, widow of Gen. Robert G. Dyrenforth, former Commissioner of Patents, who at his death July 4, 1910, left a will with many eccentric provisioins, was pronounced of sound mind by a jury in Justice Gould's court yesterday afternoon.

BROUGHT FROM ASYLUM. Committed to St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the Insane three weeks ago for thirty days' observation on affidavits of her daughter, Mrs. Rose Knowiton, of the De Sota apartments, Chirteenth street and Massachusetts avenue, with whom she lived, and Alred D. Smith, Mrs. Dyrenforth was brought into Justice Gould's court yesterday before a lunacy jury on a writ of habeas corpus by her lawyers. T. Morris Wampler and Foster Wood Although Dr. Percy L. Hickling, Dis-

trict alienist, testified before the jury that Mrs. Dyrenforth is of unsound mind, other witnesses, intimate friends of the woman, declared in their opinion she was sane, and the a felony for any person not au-their opinion she was same, and the thorized to have dramite in his jury quickly brought its verdict, possession. Mere possession was which freed the woman from the asy-

> CHARGES CONSPIRACY. In his statement before the Attorney Wampler charged that Mrs. byrenforth, who owns Attorney victim of a conspiracy. Vampler declared that in furnishing afildavits to have Mrs. Dyrenforth ommitted for thirty days to the that she had no property, and was of

> Justice Gould upbraided several of he witnesses for their attempts to have Mrs. Dyrenforth committed to (Continued on Page 12, Column 4.)

SLEEPLESS NIGHT

Cork Mayor, Unable to Sleep, Worse Than Ever Before, Says Sister.

LONDON, Sept. 18 .- Terence Mcof Cork, passed a bad night, having been unable to sleep. He was comletely exhausted early today. "My brother is worse than I have wer seen him." said his sister, Mary, she came out of the prisoner's cell in Brixton prison infirmary at 10.30 o'clock this morning. This is the Lord Mayor's thirtyeventh hunger-striking day.

NORTHCLIFFE FLAYS IMPRISONMENT OF

LONDON, Sept. 18 .- Lord Northiffe, in a copyrighted dispatch to he Sun and New York Herald, is uoted as stating that he regards the imprisonment of the lord mayor f Cork "as a sad aggravation of the grave political error committed in the xclusion of Archbishop Mannix from reland. Whatever justification there outweighed," he continues, "by the deplorable and inevitable sequences of alienating Irish feeling a time when reconciliation of the tually acceptable basis is of the most paramount importance.

wars have been based on differences religion. By increasing the friction between the Protestant and Cathlic subjects in this country the British government is rendering such

war possible. 'No one in England can gain any for more than a month almost the Labor today. whole British press has continuously protested, grossly misrepresents Eng.

May Yoke Tells How the Hope Dismond's "Curse" Brought Tragedy fato feetlonate Than Light-Haired! Rend the Sultan's Harem, in Tomorrow's Sunday TIMES.

BARONESS VON STERN-BERG, Kentucky heiress and widow of former ambassador from Germany, who, it is announced, will marry again.



Widow of Von Sternberg, Former German Ambassador. Will Wed Again.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 .- The engagement of Baroness Speck von Stern-Washington real estate, had been a ambassador to the United States, and before her marriage Miss Lillian May Langham, of Kentucky, to Adolph interned on Ellis Island during the war as an sylum, it was said she was indigent, enemy alien, was announced here

The wedding is to take place in France at the home of the baroness' sister, wife of Admiral Count Faramond de Lafajole, it was stated. The estate of the baroness, said to be worth \$1,000,000 before America ntered the war, was taken over by returned to this country in an effort this month to go to her sister. Pavenstedt once was head of the

"I never intend to leave America again," said the baroness when she came back to this country. "I had to borrow money for my traveling expenses, and all the property . I policy is bad enough abroad. possess is in two trunks I brought with me. I would have returned long igo if the authorities had permitted the baroness said, with tears in

CHICAGO WOMAN ROUTS ROBBERS WITH BROOM

war, anyhow.'

aggi, who operates a grocery store. omes of a race of fighters, so when wo robbers essayed to relieve her of he day's cash she alighted upon the rear door and then grabbed up a this America is peculiarly your Amerand gave ouble-barreled shotgun them a parting salute as they vaulted but the United States everlasting." an alley fence.

The battle speedily attracted a big crowd of excited neighbors, armed with every sort of weapon, and a running fight was staged through the long alley, in which more than 160 shots were fired, with no casualties. Police captured one of the robbers, but the other escaped. The prisoner gives his name as Harvey J. Poindexter, and says he and his companion arrived in Chicago a few days con- ago. They had read about the daily and almost hourly payroll robberies here and thought the picking would be easy. But they had not counted upon the undaunted spirit of Mme Pollaggi.

"History shows abundantly that the bloodlest and the most futile SECRETARY WILSON TO RECEIVE COAL MINERS

Secretary of Labor Wilson will meet a committee of anthracite coal miners next week, probably on Monadvantage by the lord mayor's death, day, to discuss with them means of which no one surely desires. 1' adjusting their troubles arising out of we create in Munster an antagonism dissatisfaction with the anthracite as implabable and lasting as that of coal commission's wage award, it was Olster? This decision, against which announced at the Department of

The Secretary made it plain that he had agreed to tihe conference ish sentiment in the eyes of the civ- only after the miners who had been on strike had returned to work

> Are Dark-Haired Women More At. What Science Has Discovered in Tomorrow's Sunday TIMES.

Porch Sermon on Citizenship From Candidate.

MARION, Ohio, Sept. 18 .- Senator tion. His visitors were mainly from New York, Chicago, Cleveland, and other Ohio cities and were of various

WOULD ERASE LINES. spilling bad manners and bad coun- | ment. sel all over the world" and promot- In the "Hints for Democratic Speak-

into classes and never feel the menace zens forget the countries of their na- the prelude of the White House docutivity, but we do ask all to think ment.

unalterable faith in America first.

AGAINST THE HYPHEN. "We are unalterably against any war."
hyphenated Americanism. We have put an end to prefixes. The way to unite thought the President will pursue in fix our gaze on the Constitution, with

ord; how can we expect American pose to that jury" (the Council of unity; how can we escape strife, if League of Nations), is one of the we in America attempt to meddle in White House statements. the affaits of Europe, Asia, and Africa: if we assume to settle boundaries and attempt to end the rivalries and jealousies of old world strife:

eign policy attempted. "Nothing helpful has come from the villful assumption to direct affairs in

Europe. "No good of any kind has proceeded the alien property custodian, and she from such meddling in Russia; none in Poland; none in the case of Flume, o recover it. She sailed for France and none from the Balkan states. On the contrary, the mistaken policy of interference has broken the draw-New York banking house of G. Am- strings of good sense and spilled bad counsel and bad advice all over the

WORSE AT HOME.

"That policy is a bad policy. even more menacing at home. "Meddling abroad tends to

Americans forget they are Americans, haps the final war of all civilization. It tends to arouse the old and bitter Is this experiment worth while? her eyes, "but the Germans wouldn't feelings of race and foreign ancestry it worth a trial?" winey, hunger-striking lord mayor let me leave their country and the in the hearts of those who ought nev-American authorities wouldn't have er be forced to turn their hearts away White House, may be expected to be permitted me to land here during the from undivided loyalty to 'America the line of argument President Wil-

"It is not beyond possibility that on behalf of the league. the day might come-and may God forbid it-when an organized hyphenated vote in American politics might elect our Government, America would CHICAGO, Sept. 18 .- Mrs. A. Pol- be delivered out of the hands of her citizenship, and her control might be transferred to a foreign capital

abroad. "This is of greater concern to you than to anyone else in the world, for ica. America is yours to preserve, not

"NOTHING TO SAY," IS MESSAGE FROM MORGAN

J. Pierpont Morgan, located in Scotland by the International News ing in New York.

The banker is occupying an estate called Gannochy Lodge, near Brechin, Forfashire county, Scotland. He is being closely guarded against intru-

JUMPS INTO RIVER AFTER BRUSH: **DROWNS**

POMPTON LAKE, N. J., Sept. 18.—When a paint brush slipped out of his fingers into the Passale river, Edward Pierson, a workman, jumped after it. He re-covered it, but was drowned while trying to swim back to

Foreign-Born Delegation Gets Issues "Hints for Democratic Speakers"—Expounds League Merits.

President Wilson, in his letter to Warren G. Harding welcomed dele- the Democratic national committee gations of several hundred foreign- inclosing his initial check for the born citizens around his front porch campaign fund, makes it plain that today, and to them he addressed a his purpose as well as his purse has sermon on citizenship and the duties as its objective the realization of his they owe the America of their adop- hopes for America's participation in the League of Natons.

HINTS FOR SPEAKERS .

There is no doubt whatever that the President has entered the cam-Senator Harding made a plea for paign determined to do all in his the elimination of race and class power to effect a favorable vote on lines in the United States. In im-the "solemn referendum" anent the pressing this point on his callers, the league, which vote, in January last, he Senator declared that meddling in the declared would voice in no uncertain affairs of Europe for the last four terms a demand for American particiyears had accomplished little but pation in this international arrange-

ing racial and class feeling here in ers," which have been prepared at the White House, the opening sentence America. White House, the opening sentence "Let us all pray." he said, "that gives a clue to the President's prob-America never shall become divided able line of thought.

"There is too much discussion on the League of Nations in the abstract, too "America does not want and does little discussion of it as a living, vital not ask that her foreign-born citi- thing in the affairs of the world," says of America first, serve America first, tion of the free nations of the world. lefend America first, and plight an the object of which is freely to discuss and investigate the causes of war before nations actually go to

and blend foreign blood into the life his advocacy of approval of Amer-stream of America is to put an end to ica's entrance into the league, to-groups, to classes, an end to special gether with a majority of the divilized appeal to any of them, an end to par-nations, is found in other expressions ticular favor to any of them Let's in the "hints for speakers."

"I confidently predict that there is not an aggressive people in the world How can we have American con- who would dare bring a wrongful put

> TEACHINGS OF GALILEAN. "It (the league) is a modern at

tempt to prevent war by discussion in the open and not behind closed doors. is another observation. "It is the substitution of the teach ings of the Galilean for the teaching of Nietzche and Treitschke and the German general staff," said another of the hints.

"The principle underlying the League of Nations," says another paragraph. "is the essence of Christianity: it is the embodiment of the underlying principle of the Ten Commandments; it is the gospel of Christ as opposed to the iniquity of Moloch." In conclusion, the White House iewpoint is expressed as follows, in

That the "hints to speakers:" "The fact of the matter is that there of Nations or another great war, per

> This, having emanated from the son will pursue in his personal efforts

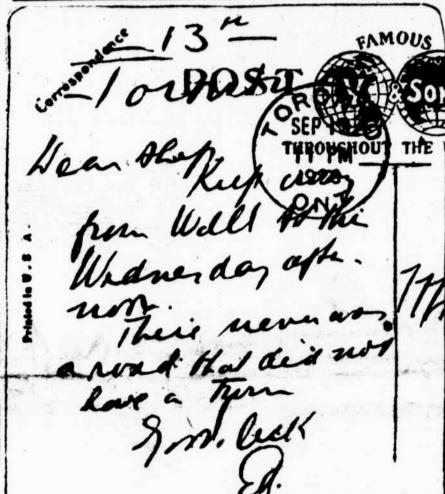
sion Begins.

The nominations of Miss Mabel T Boardman and J. Thilman Hendrick to be District Commissioners will be LONDON. Sept. 18 .- "Nothing to sent to the Senate very soon after that body convenes in December. This was the opinion of officials close to the White House and the Service, sent this laconic message in District government today when it response to inquiries whether he had was learned that the recess appointany comment to make on the explo- ments of both Miss Boardman and sion that wrecked his office build- Mr. Hendrick were for a definite time. The appointments read that they shall hold office until the end of the session of the Senate, March 4, 1921. It was said that if the President intended to appoint any one else to the places he would have not specified the time for which they were to serve. As it is, when the President sends the nominations to the Senate, the present incumbents will hold office until the Senate acts on them. If the Senate does not act on them they will serve until March 4. The general opinion has been that the President hoped to have his recess appointments confirmed changing his procedure of recent years and appointing a Republican lag notes to 'm'ental telepathy." and Democrat, as had been the plan for many years under Republican regime. Commissioner Hendrick is a emocrat and Miss Boardman a Republican.

> How Her Rejected Sultor Left Film Star Hanging in Air When Lunch Whistle Blew, in Tomorrow's Sunday

PUT U. S. FIRST, WILSON AIDS Red Wagon, Horse Shoes, And Threats Are Clues

CACSIMILE of the post card message sent Monday from Toronto by Edwin P. Fischer, New York anticapitalist fanatic and expert tennis player, to Sheppard Homans, of 120 Broadway, warning him of the Wall street explosion. The warning follows: "13th, Toronto. Dear Shepp: Keep away from Wall street this Wednesday afternoon. There never was a road that did not have a turn. Good luck. Ed."



TELEPATHY TOLD FISCHER OF PLOT

That's What Brother-in-Law Says, Explaining Wall Street Bomb Warning.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 18 .- S. D. Smith, immigration inspector at the international bridge, left Buffalo for Hamilton today to endeavor to bring back for trial in the United States Edwin P. Fischer, of New York, who is in the Provincial Insane Asylum at Hamilton, following his arrest in connection with the New York bomb outrage.

TORONTO, Sept. 18.—Edward Fischer, the former New York tennis expert, whose mysterious warnings of an impending Wall Street disaster have focused the bomb plot investi-Officials Believe Action Will Be a lunacy commission and later committed to an asylum yesterday afternoon.

Among the claims Fischer made to the examiners was that he was onetime sparring partner of Jack

Dempsey. HAD A PREMONITION.

Robert A. Pope, of New York, Fischer's brother-in-law, who is with er told him three weeks ago that he had a "premonition" that Wall Street would be blown up, but that he paid no attention to it.

Fischer was arrested at the request

of Pope. The lunacy commission ad-

dangerous to be at large. His commital to the asylum took place a few hours later. A considerable amount of radical literature, including a copy of the periodical, "Soviet Russia," the official organ of the Russian Soviet gov-

The brother-in-law scouted theory that Fisher could have had any direct connection with the alleged boomb plot. He attributed the latter's alleged preknowledge of the explosion as expressed in the warn-HIS MIND RECEPTIVE.

session when he was arrested.

three weeks Fisher's mind has been n a "peculiarly receptive condition." During this period he has been in a state of mental depression which led his relatives to fear a nervous breakdown. Pope declared that Fischer did (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)



EDWIN P. FISCHER. Who sent card warning of blast

OBJECT OF BOMB

him on his Canadian trip, says Fisch- Government Expert Believes clusion was the revelation by Chief Plotters Sought to Kill Morgan Employes.

The purpose of the New York exjudged him of unsound mind and plosion was to kill, rather than to destroy property, in the opinion of any longer. Free the political prison-George S. Rice, chief mining engineer ers or it will be sure death for all of the Bureau of Mines and leading expert of the bureau on explosives.

MADE CAREFUL PROBE. Mr. Rice returned to Washington ernment, was found in Fischer's poslast night after making a careful in. vestigation of the explosion. Every indication is that the explosion was intentional, and that the men who are responsible had a practical knowledge of explosives and their effect," said Mr. Rice this morn-

"I do not think the intention of the Pope said that during the past destroy property. They did not use (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

> Interesting Experiments by Science Which Show That Pie is a Healthful, Appetizing Food, in Tomorrow's Sun-

SIGNED NOTES

Sleuths Comb New York for "American Anarchist Fighters."

DEATH TOLL NOW IS 34

Prisoners in Jails Grilled for "Red" Information-Palmer Directs Hunt.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 .- Five threatening circulars signed "American Anarchist Fighters," a pair of virtually brand new union-made horseshoes, and the skeleton of the "mystery wagon" that is supposed to have carried a powerful timebomb formed the main clues today in eight separate, but well co-ordinated, investigations into the explosion in front of the Morgan banking offices at Broad and Wall streets

at noon Thursday. The death toll from the appalling tragedy which rocked the financial center of America and of the world to its foundations stood at thirtyfour early today, but little hope is held out for the recovery of several badly injured victims in hospitals.

200 HAVE WOUNDS. The number of those suffering from more or less serious wounds

is close to 200. More than five hundred detectives, the cream of the profession, both public and private, are concentrating their skill upon the bomb outrage today

COMB CITY AND SUBURBS.

Two hundred are combing the city and suburbs, trying to trace the old wagon believed to have carried the explosive into Wall street. This is the most promising clue. But no one knows that the wagon did carry a bomb. Scores of sleuths are interrogating

prisoners of various sorts who might have knowledge of a terrorist plot It is now said that every inch of the ground and the floors and roofs of the buildings and all underground passages in the explosion area have been inspected. REWARDS SPUR SEARCH.

The announced \$20,500 rewards, and the possibility of still higher rewards from Wall street men for actual accomplishment, give the detective forces particularly keen interest. Photographs of every

evidence are being made and supplied to the sleuths. PALMER ARRIVES ON SCENE. Attorney General Palmer, his assistants, Garvan and Hoover, and Wil liam J. Flynn, chief of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice, were on the scene early this morning, working to substantiate their preliminary theory that the ex-

plosion was the work of a group of Reds" and that TNT was used. The most significant factor that led he Federal investigators to this con-Flynn that half an hour before the blast occurred there was placed in a mail box at the corner of Cedar street and Broadway, only three blocks from the scene of the disaster, five cir-

culars reading: "Rimember, we will not tolearte

AMERICAN ANARCHIST FIGHTERS. It was declared it was this same organization that signed the revolutionary circulars wrapped around bombs sent out in various parts of the country on June 2, 1919, when the Department of Justice nipped in the bud a nation-wide terrorist plot.

An additional clue, though less definite, was seen by the investigators in the discovery amid the wreckage of three battered tin cans bearing traces of gasoline and kerosene perpeptrators of the outrage was to These, it is believed were intended by the supposed plotters to hurl flames in all directions when blasted by the explosion. Ghastly burns on some of the victims of the disaster tend to

bear out this theory.

Most promising in the hunt for the cause of the disaster and its insta-(Continued on Page 2, Column L)